



NEWSLETTER

Term 1 No 1

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Principal – Stephen Jolley
Chairperson – Gene Lassaline

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all students and families. We start the year with 67 students, building to 76 by the start of Term 4. This term we welcome 6 new reception students to our school; Ashley Beck, Ryan Crouch, Dean Harten, Rachel Mitchell, Charlotte Stafford and William Virgo. We look forward to them enjoying their time here at Mil Lel. We also welcome the Beck, Harten, Mitchell and Virgo families to our school community.

Our class and teaching arrangements for this year are:

- Junior Primary (Rec – Yr 1): 21 students Ben Savage
- Middle Primary (Yr 2,3 & 4): 23 students Judy Harradine/Shirley Hogg (Fridays)
- Upper Primary (Yr 5,6, & 7): 23 students Adam Branford

Mrs Hogg will be teaching French in each class and also maintaining her role teaching recorder in the JP and MP classes. My teaching time will be spread across all classes, with a focus on PE.

Our SSO staffing for this year is:

- Judy Lacey (Finance/Administration)
- Annette Hopgood (Library and Classroom Support)
- Jill Gilmore (Classroom Support)
- Angela Beltakis (Classroom Support)

Everyone is looking forward to a positive year for our school. I look forward to working with our school community in 2012 and throughout the year I encourage you to talk to myself and the teachers at Mil Lel about your child, their learning and any concerns you may have.

Regards,

Stephen



Our new Reception students.

PLEASE FIND THE FOLLOWING INSERTS WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

- Term 1 2012 Planner
- Swimming & M&S Accounts
- Swimming & Aquatic consent/medical form
- Lunch Menu/Price List
- Parent Club Lunch Roster/Heat Ups reply slip
- Local Excursion permission slip
- Bus Travel consent form
- R-2 Swimming roster reply slip
- Acquaintance Night reply slip
- Governing Council nomination form
- Verandah Working Bee reply slip

DATES TO REMEMBER

February

Thursday 9th

Monday 13th

Tuesday 14th

Friday 17th

Parent Club meeting, 9am.

Acquaintance Night BBQ from 5.30pm.

Classroom Visits, 6.30-7.15pm.

AGM 7.15pm. Governing Council meeting to follow.

Assembly, 3.00pm.

Issue 1 Book Club closing date.

SWIMMING AND MATERIAL & SERVICES FEES

Invoices have been sent home today for Swimming and Materials and Services Fees. Please ensure these are paid by the due date. If you have any concerns over the payment of these amounts please let us know.

Swimming fees will need to be paid prior to the lessons commencing in Week 4. If your family has a season pass to the Aquatic Centre can you please contact us because this will impact on the cost of swimming lessons.

Families that feel that they may be entitled to School Card are asked to call into the front office and collect the application forms and details as soon as possible.

ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A combined Acquaintance Night and AGM will occur on Monday February 13th.

Acquaintance Night will commence at 5.30pm with a BBQ tea – families are asked to provide their own meat, salads and drinks. Classrooms will be open for informal visits from 6.30 – 7.15pm after which the AGM will commence. Following the AGM our first Governing Council meeting will be held. If you are interested in nominating for Governing Council this year please register your interest by returning the attached reply slip with this newsletter.

Governing Council Member Information

Continuing Members for this Year

Scott Baldock

Rob Harding

Judi Paul

Mark Robinson

Tim Scanlon

Scott Simpson

Members whose tenure finished in 2011

Scott Davies

Anne Gaffney

Michael Kirby

Gene Lassaline

Fiona Pearson

VOLUNTEER CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS

For parents and other volunteers that help out at our school in any capacity, such as listening to reading, attending a class excursion or being a Governing Council Member, a Criminal History Check is required. If you have not had a Criminal History Check and are intending to volunteer at the school please see us at the office so that we can help you with this process. Many parents have already completed one previously and if you are unsure when yours expires, please also ask at the office. Judi Paul will be available to assist families with certification of original documents from 3pm on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th February (meet in the Library). Please ensure you have your completed application form and original documents with you.

ASSEMBLY

Our first assembly for the year will be held on Tuesday February 14th (Week 3) commencing at 3pm. Future assemblies will be held in Week 6 and Week 9 at the same time. All parents and families are welcome to attend.

THANKS

Thank you to all families that helped look after the chooks during the holiday break, your assistance is much appreciated. If you have any food scraps from home please feel free to give them to the chooks.

SWIMMING

All students will commence swimming lessons on Monday February 20th at the Aquatic Centre. Year 3-7 students participate in 2 weeks of lessons whilst Rec - Yr 2 students have 1 week of lessons. However, in the past, R - 2 students have been given an opportunity to use the pool for a second week through parents volunteering to supervise the students (an instructor is not present and parents coordinate the activities). If you are able to help out please return the reply slip as soon as possible.

Lessons for all students are from 1.30pm - 2.15pm.

SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS

During the first 2 weeks of this term all classes have been looking at topics and concepts aimed at promoting our students' knowledge and understanding of our school values and how to be successful at school. These topics include establishing class expectations, bullying; the different types and strategies for dealing with it and values.

UPGRADES AROUND THE SCHOOL

During the holiday break flyscreens were installed in the classrooms which will assist with ventilation and additional computer connection points were installed in the room between the JP and MP classes. New computers are currently being set up in this area. Along with the additional computers, each class will have access to an Ipad this year.

Other work that will commence soon is the installation of shutters on the classroom windows and the solar panel system. The 'big tree' has had an inspection and some of the larger limbs will be cut down during this term.

VERANDAH WORK

The next working bee for further work on the verandah is planned for Wednesday the 22nd of February starting at approximately 5pm. We will need around 5-6 helpers on the night. If you are able to assist please return the reply slip.

LIBRARY NEWS

Over the holiday break Mrs Hopgood has put much effort into making new cushion covers for the Library. Along with the new couches, bean bags and stools have also been purchased for students to use. The Library is now looking much more colourful and welcoming.

We have a few books to give away as they are surplus to our needs. Students can see Mrs Hopgood at 12.40 Tuesday or Wednesday next week if they are interested.

LOWER SOUTH EAST SAPSASA SWIMMING

Swimming Trials will be held on Tuesday 21st February 12.45-3.00pm at the Aquatic Centre. Cost \$3.50 to be paid on arrival. Age Groups - 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003. This will be followed by 4 training sessions leading up to the Adelaide SAPSASA Country Swimming Competition on Monday 26th March. Entries close Tuesday 14th February (forms available from the Front Office).

PARENT CLUB NEWS

Monday Lunch Orders

Please note that lunches will commence on Monday 13th February. **Orders must be placed the week before on Monday 6th.**

Monday Lunch Order Roster

Lunch orders are available for all students every Monday, organized by the Parent Club. To continue to provide this service for students we need parent volunteers once or twice a term from

9am until 10am and then again from 11.30 until 12.30.

In order to have some continuity from week to week parents should try to volunteer for 2 consecutive weeks. If this is not possible we can still fit you in. Your help would be much appreciated.

Heat Ups Roster

Parent Club will again be offering Heat Ups also commencing Week 3, Tuesday 14th February. Parents are asked to please ensure the heat ups are wrapped in foil (or oven proof material) and clearly named. Parent volunteers will be needed. It will involve placing the heat ups in the pie warmers in the French/Art room at 10.30am and then returning at 12.15pm to hand them out.

If you are able to assist with either Lunch Orders or Heat Ups or both please indicate your preferences on the reply slip enclosed by Monday 6th February.

2011 End of Year Concert DVD

Copies of last year's End of Year Concert DVD can be purchased at the Front Office for \$5 which goes toward Parent Club fundraising.

Second Hand Clothing

An assortment of good quality, clean, second hand school clothing is available for a gold coin donation.



Harry and Shaunn participated in the Milo in2 Cricket game at the Adelaide Oval during the recent Australia Day Test match.

2011 Christmas Raffle

The Mil Lel Primary School Parent Club sincerely thanks all generous Christmas raffle donors. Due to their kind support our raffle was once again a huge success.

- 1st Liza Kirby
- 2nd Annette Hopgood
- 3rd Mark Robinson
- 4th Dawn Talbot
- 5th Glad Henningsen
- 6th Rob Harding
- 7th Brianna Ransom
- 8th Ben Gaffney
- 9th Rita Grant
- 10th Annette Hopgood
- 11th B Kirby
- 12th M Radley
- 13th Shannon Baldock
- 14th Kevin Scott
- 15th Natalie Clark
- 16th Perry Family
- 17th Amy Innes

Next Meeting – Thursday 9th February at 9am in the General Purpose Room. All welcome, especially new parents to our school. Hostess – Fiona Pearson.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

You will find further information regarding the following on our Notice Board situated in the foyer leading in to the Front Office or by contacting phone numbers or visiting websites provided.

School Dental Service

The SA Dental Service provides a range of dental services for children at clinics throughout Adelaide and all major country regional centres. Dental care is provided by dental teams comprising of Dentists, Dental Therapists and Dental Assistants. All preschool, primary and secondary students aged under 18 years, are eligible for care with the School Dental Service. Fees and conditions apply. From 1 Jan 2012 there will be some changes to School Dental Service fees. For information about appointments, when your child/children are due for check up and fees, contact your local School Dental Clinic on 8721 1633 Monday-Friday, 8.30am-4.15pm.

\$10 Gift Voucher for all new BankSA Accounts

For the start of Term 1, BankSA is offering all students who open a new Incentive Saver Account via the school a \$10 Gift Voucher, which will be deposited into your child's account once opened. This offer is available until 30 March 2012 and is for new customers only. For more details or to collect a BankSA Application Pack, please call into the school office.

Basketball Mount Gambier

Junior Training Programme on Friday nights for beginners, 6-8 year olds commencing Friday 3rd February 2012, 5.30-6.30pm, and runs during school term time. Cost \$5/Registration Fee and \$4/Session.